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KANSAS RECEIVES \$66.5 MILLION IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2003

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that the **State of Kansas in fiscal year 2003 received \$66,480,901 in Department of Justice grants, a \$20.6 million increase from fiscal year 2002, to fight terrorism, assist victims of crime, assist communities, and improve the criminal justice system.**

These funds were awarded in 214 grants by the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to 102 communities across the state.

Kansas funding was part of more than \$6.9 billion that the Justice Department awarded nationwide. More than \$27 million of the \$66.5 million was awarded for initiatives such as training emergency first responders and purchasing equipment, as well as research and development of counter-terrorism technology, Melgren said.

“Law enforcement funding totaled \$22.3 million and included funds for hiring and training police officers and advancing community policing. Approximately 102 communities received grants from the Bullet Proof Vests Program, providing vests to protect law enforcement officers across the state,” Melgren said.

More than \$11.3 million was awarded to assist victims of crime. The majority of these funds went directly to the state to provide compensation and assistance for crime victims and to combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information on specific grants visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fy2003grants.

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